

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

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BY CONTINUOUS WIRES AND THE MANUFACTURING METHOD OF THE
SAME

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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

Sir:

In compliance with the requirement in the Interview Summary mailed on December 28, 2010 that Applicants file a Statement of the Substance of the Interview, that statement follows.

Applicants' representative conducted a telephonic interview with the Examiner on December 15, 2010.

During the interview, Applicants' representative argued in support of proposed amendments to the claims.

The Examiner indicated, during the interview, that although proposed amendments to independent claims 1 and 9, providing that each of the wires is curved in opposite directions at adjacent intersections with groups of wires, were probably supported by the application as filed, he believed that the amendments did not overcome the outstanding rejections.

Applicants' representative also mentioned a technical feature of the wires not being bonded at any intersection point. However, the Examiner indicated that the disclosure in the specification that the wires may preferably be bonded at intersection points was not sufficient to support an amendment that the wires need not be bonded at intersection points.

With regard to claims 8 and 16, which were proposed to be rewritten in independent form to attempt to make them allowable, pursuant to a prior indication of allowability, the Examiner wished to further examine this to determine whether those claims were allowable. Applicants'

representative scheduled another telephonic interview on December 22, 2010 for the Examiner to inform Applicants' representative of his decision regarding the allowability of rewritten claims 8 and 16.

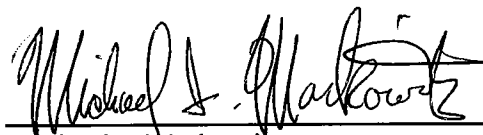
Applicants' representative conducted the scheduled interview on December 22, 2010 and a follow-up interview, at the Examiner's suggestion, on December 23, 2010 with the Examiner.

The Examiner indicated that claims 8 and 16, as proposed to be rewritten in independent form, are probably allowable. In addition, Applicants' representative argued that Snelson, U.S. Patent No. 6,739,937 B2, teaches away from independent claims 1 and 9 providing for two regular tetrahedra forming each unit cell. In further support of Applicants' representative's argument, Applicants' representative referred to the paragraph in Snelson, in column 3, lines 50-63 thereof, supporting such teaching away, that paragraph indicating that, "unique three-dimensional space frames and related objects," (column 3, lines 62-63), are produced by the invention. The Examiner would not commit himself regarding whether Snelson teaches away from independent claims 1 and 9.

Respectfully submitted,

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